





# Advanced Oncology Care Closer to Home

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#### Keeping Our Promise

September 2018→Proposed changes to CON law would enable...



Additional choices



**Greater access** 



Enhanced options (i.e., specialty care)



Increased competition



Heightened innovation



Creative collaboration

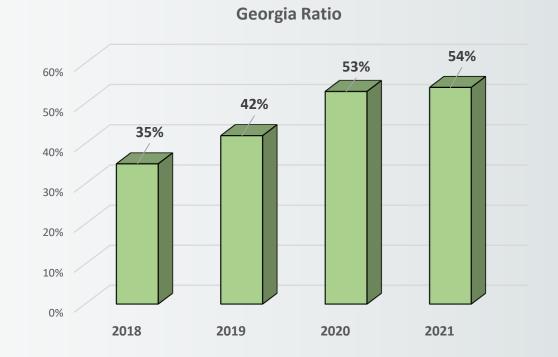
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## Serving Georgia Cancer Patients

#### Impact on Georgia

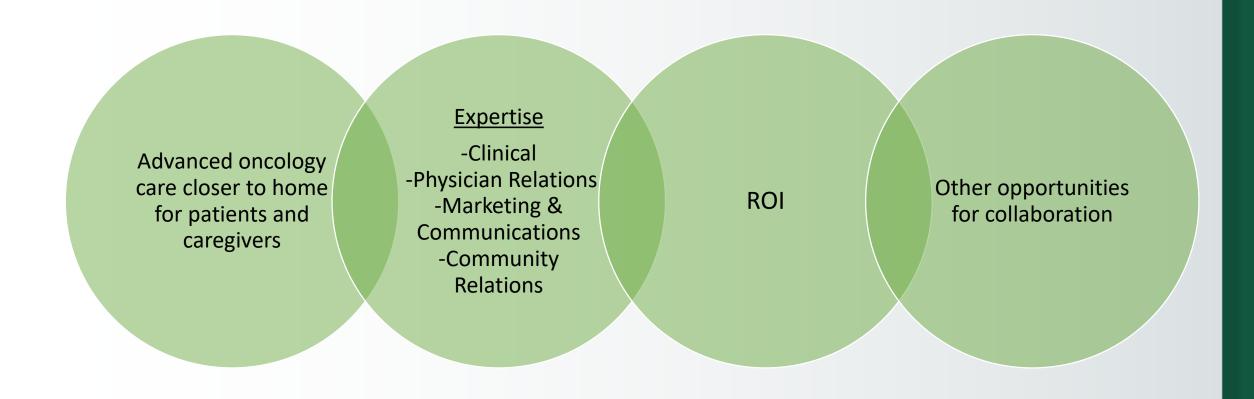
- Over half of CTCA Atlanta's patients reside within the state
- 954 additional patients served as a result of CON reform
- Patients from 103 Rural
  Designated Counties\* served



\*Source: SORH & DRG analytics

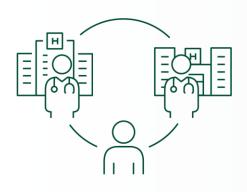






#### CTCA Affiliate Program





CTCA is proud to collaborate with community providers and hospitals to provide advanced oncology care to adult patients. Through this affiliation, our physicians offer both in-person and telehealth visits, perform evaluations and propose treatment plans, all the while collaborating with the patient's primary provider every step of the way.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

#### CTCA ightarrow Affiliate Facility ightarrow CTCA ightarrow Affiliate Facility ightarrow CTCA

- Initial local hospital facilitating provider (FP) visit
- FP refers patient to affiliate program
- Triad model (FP, patient with medical oncologist via telehealth)
- CTCA medical oncologist meets with patient and FP to discuss and agree on a coordinated plan of care
- Next steps will include onsite visit to CTCA

- Initial medical oncologist visit
- Diagnostic testing ordered and scheduled in advance of onsite visit, unless not available at affiliate facility
- Patient receives treatment plan at end of 1-3 day evaluation
- Treatment started

- Triad model
- Labs reviewed and physical assessment done
- Chemotherapy ordered for next-day infusion
- Return appointments to CTCA scheduled as recommended by CTCA medical oncologist



#### Dorminy Medical Center

- 75-bed acute care facility in Fitzgerald offering a comprehensive range of medical services to Ben Hill and surrounding counties
- DMC patients have access to in-person visits at CTCA Atlanta and clinical telemedicine services with highly trained, board-certified physicians
  - Allows patients to receive treatments, chemotherapy and telemedicine visits closer to home





"We have placed an emphasis on enhancing access to the world's best cancer care for the people of our region and we now have it with this alliance. We look forward to a long-lasting relationship that provides maximum benefit for cancer patients in Fitzgerald, Ben Hill County and throughout south-central Georgia."

- Paige Wynn, Dorminy Medical Center CEO



### Miller County Hospital

• 25-bed critical access facility in Colquitt delivering healthcare to Southwest Georgia residents through the provisions of education, prevention, diagnosis and treatment

• MCH patients gain access to CTCA expert oncology care, including clinical telemedicine services that connect patients via real-time videoconferencing to CTCA providers for regular visits close to

home

"Our partnership with CTCA is about patients-first healthcare – serving the oncology needs of our community first...as our relationship evolves, we will look for opportunities to offer other services that make sense for the people of Colquitt and Southwest Georgia."

- Robin Rau, Miller County Hospital CEO

